

STROM CENTER NEWS

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Edition 380

*Warren County Seniors and Henderson
County Seniors..... You are invited....*

To Strom Center's Annual Christmas Party

Where: At Strom Center, 211 South A Street

When: Tuesday, December 21, 2021

Time: 1- 3:30 PM

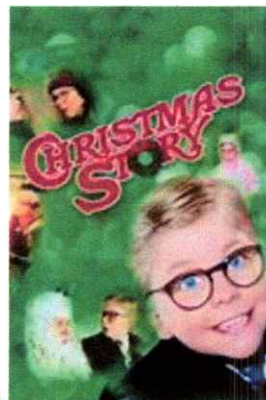
We will be enjoying games, entertainment, Christmas Carols and Gift Exchange and lots of goodies to eat! Persons are asked to bring a \$7 wrapped gift (women please bring gift for woman, men, bring gift for a man).

Drawings for our beautiful throw will be held during the afternoon (Woven throw created by Patty Schwass)

Please sign up by December 17th (call 734-5677 to sign up or come in to do so...) if you are planning to come. There is No Cost...Just come!

See you on the 21st !!

We will be showing "CHRISTMAS STORY" during the morning of the 21st....Please join us in watching this classic humorous movie... We will start it at 9:30 AM. It promises to make you double over with laughter!



VERY VERY IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT MEDICARE D!

We are nearing the end of our Annual Medicare D Enrollment Season. It has been an extremely busy time; we have made the Medication Reviews and re-enrollments our priority while also providing assistance in a variety of other matters. **Thank you to all for your patience during this time.**

Even though we stress a few points during Medication reviews and enrollments, I want to take this time to remind everyone of a few important issues to take into account as new plans go into effect on January 1, 2022

- ✓ **FIRST...** KEEP the printouts you were given when you enrolled in your new plan for 2022. If you have misplaced the printouts feel free to give us a call and we can provide you with a copy. (If you have lost your printout, CALL US! We can print out another copy for you!) **WHY is the printout important???** The printout will provide you with the pharmacy you chose, and the cost projected for the medications at that pharmacy. **(I can't stress how VERY important this point is!!! Purchasing your medications from a non-participating or non-preferred pharmacy can add hundreds and some times thousands of dollars to an annual cost of medications !!)** The printout will give you a good idea of what to expect when you purchase your medications.
- ✓ **SECOND....**Remember that most plans have a \$480 deductible in 2022...that means that your costs may be much higher at the beginning of the year; once the deductible is met you will likely see quite a reduction in your costs.
- ✓ **THIRD.....**Keep your plan's Formulary Book close at hand. Unfortunately, none of us knows what tomorrow may bring. You may be prescribed additional medications in addition to the ones listed during enrollment. If that is the case, don't despair....just take your Formulary book along to your Health Care Provider. Most medical staff are very agreeable to prescribing a medication which is on your plan if possible. Most plans include a Formulary Book within the packet of information sent to you when you enroll in a plan, however some plans provide you with a toll-free number to request your plan's formulary. The Formulary book shows not only which medications are available on your plan, but also what Tier level the medications are assigned by the plan.... Generally, the lower the tier level, the lower the cost of the medications.
- ✓ **FOURTH....**If you receive a letter from you plan that a medication you have been prescribed is not going to be covered....don't give up! Occasionally a plan will make an exception if you request it Feel free to contact us at Strom if you need assistance in appealing a medication denial.
- ✓ **FIFTH**The plan in which you are enrolled is **NOT A LIFE-TIME COMMITMENT !!** Yes, it is a year-long agreement, but If for some reason you did not do a Med Review and find that your plan has changed drastically, or for some other reason you have had so many

changes occur that your current plan doesn't look so great for you ...there is always next year!!

NEED HELP PAYING FOR MEDICATIONS???



If you have Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage through a [Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan](#) or Medicare Advantage Prescription Drug plan, you may be eligible for help with Part D costs. The **Medicare Extra Help** program offers financial assistance for Medicare beneficiaries who meet certain income and resource limits and have [Medicare Part D](#).

Also called the Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) program, Extra Help helps pay for expenses like Part D annual deductibles, monthly premiums, copayments, and/or coinsurance. Individuals enrolled in the program won't enter the Part D coverage gap (also known as the "[donut hole](#)").



If you are single with an annual income not over \$19,560 (or a couple with an annual income not over \$26,370) and assets not over \$14,790 (or \$29,520 for a couple) you may qualify for Extra Help. There are different levels of help depending on your income and assets.

There are additional/ special circumstances which may allow you to be eligible for Extra Help; please feel free to make an appointment (call 734 5677) to review your situation....this program has saved qualifying persons tremendous amounts of dollars....it's certainly worth checking out!

STROM CENTER'S HOLIDAY CLOSINGS IN BOTH MONMOUTH AND OQUAWKA CENTERS



- ❖ December 21st (Tuesday) Strom Center in Oquawka Closed *
- ❖ December 23 (Thursday) Closing at 1 PM
- ❖ December 24 (Friday) Christmas Eve: Closed
- ❖ December 27th (Monday) Closed
- ❖ December 30 (Thursday) Closing at 3 PM
- ❖ December 31st (Friday) Closed

Strom Center's Oquawka Center will be closed so that all persons from both Warren and Henderson Counties may attend the Christmas Party on December 21st in Monmouth. (See Page 1)

DON'T FORGET STROM CENTER'S NEW YEARS DAY POTLUCK...

In keeping with Strom Center's Annual New Years Day celebration our First Potluck of 2022 will be held on **Saturday January 1st at Noon**. Plates, silverware, cups/glasses will be furnished. Just bring what-ever food dish you wish to bring...After enjoying our meal we will play bingo and / or cards. What a great way to start of 2022!! No need to sign up...just come join the food and fun!



LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE RAFFLE TICKETS....



Unfortunately, if you receive the **Strom Center News** by mail (versus email) you aren't able to see this beautiful creation in color....but take our word for it, it is Beautiful!!! And it will be raffled off at our Strom Center Christmas Party on Tuesday, December 21st. (You need not be present to win..). Tickets are \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Although the winner will probably want to keep it him/herself, it would make a wonderful Christmas present.

Strom Center thanks **PATTY SCHWASS** for donating the throw, which she has generously done in the past many years.

Stop by at Strom and see the throw for yourself! It is on display in our Main Area....



From Thrift Shop Manager, Crystal Vanskike

Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas from the Strom Thrift Shop. It has been a heck of a year and we want to thank ALL of our Volunteers, Customers and those who donated. We have really pulled together and been able to help our community as well as others in need. **We are truly Blessed.**

Thrift Shop Holiday Closings:

- ❖ 2:30pm on Dec. 24th for Christmas
- ❖ 2:30 pm Dec. 31st for New Years

Regular Hours:

Monday - Friday 8 AM - 4 PM
Saturday: 8 AM - 2:30 PM

Customer Appreciation Weekend : Friday Dec. 3rd and Saturday Dec 4th
25% OFF Everything in the shop!!! (Including the seasonal & sale items)

Roll Over Sales : *Woman's Shirts \$1 each *Scrubs tops & pants \$1.00 each
*Men and Women's Sweaters \$1.50 each *Men's pullover shirts \$1.50 each
All washed and ready to wear!!! Items added daily



DECEMBER BINGO DATES:

Tuesday, December 14TH...at 1 PM

Tuesday, December 28TH .. at 1PM

Refreshments and drink are available!

Cost is only 25 cents per card!

RECOGNITIONS.....

NEWSLETTER ASSISTANT FOR NOVEMBER: MARILYN PERRIN

VOPA WINNERS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:

Week 1: Winner TERESA PRIEN Answer: PLAY

Week 2: Winner BEVERLY VANRIPER Answer: TRICK

Week 3: DONNA SMOCK Answer: HAMPER

Week 4: ANNE LIBY Answer: BOARD

Grand Finale: BEVERLY VANRIPER



MIND EXPLORER WINNER FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

Warren County: RICHARD BERTELSEN

Henderson County: DON BOYER

BRIDGE WINNERS IN NOVEMBER:



Date: 11/1/2021:

Hi: LINDA ADAIR 2ND: ROSA KUHNKEY Low: ANN SHUNICK

Date: 11/15/2021

Hi: ROSA KUHNKEY 2ND: CAROL YOUCUM Low: GLENNA MARTIN



Just a Reminder....Even though it is early in the Winter Season, it isn't unheard of to experience severe weather from now through the next several months. It has always been Strom's policy to discourage seniors from attempting to come to Strom either in Monmouth or Oquawka, if they are taking a chance of falling on ice or getting out during extreme cold. Therefore, we do announce closings on the local radio station, WRAM /WMOI. Please, listen if in doubt! For persons in Henderson County, a sign will be posted on the front and side doors stating we are closed. **Just a note**....There are times when Strom Center is closed BUT the Thrift Shop in Monmouth will remain open..so again...listen on the radio before venturing out.....



Out and About the Community...

VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR

KIRKWOOD PARK DISTRICT GYM, 100 E LOCUST STREET

DECEMBER 5TH: 10 AM- 4 PM

❖ 20+ VENDORS AND DIFFERENT CRAFTERS

❖ 50/50 DRAWING

❖ 'FULL OF GRACE' Catering will have lunch and dessert for purchase

THE GERLAW CHRISTIAN CHURCH

COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY IS NOW OPEN!

Located on the south side of the church at 948 245th Avenue, Gerlaw, IL

Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to anyone.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Phone 309 760 0647

The Buchanan Community Center will present their Christmas Concert "Welcome Back to Christmas" on Friday, Dec 3rd at 7 PM at the First Christian Church in Galesburg and Saturday, December 4th at Heritage Bible Church in Monmouth. Freewill donation is appreciated.

Strom Center's

HENDERSON COUNTY SENIORS



December Henderson County Upcoming Events

If you happen to be in or visiting in Oquawka, be sure to check out Strom Center's entry for the **CHRISTMAS POLE DECORATING CONTEST!** Voting begins November 22nd through December 3rd at Fisher Foods or the Village Hall, so be sure to stop and **VOTE FOR POLE # 6!** The winner will be announced during Santa's visit on December 4th...

OTHER HENDERSON COUNTY EVENTS....

The Spirit of Christmas will definitely be shining bright in Henderson County in the month of December!...

STRONGHURST

Friday, December 3rd at 5:30 PM: **STRONGHURST LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE**

OQUAWKA:

Saturday, December 4th at 6 PM: OQUAWKA LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE ending with Santa at the Museum Park for all of the good boys and girls...(young and old) to visit with.

Prior to the Christmas Parade, the Christmas Belles will be having their Annual Toy Drive Soup Supper beginning at 4 PM at the Township Hall (corner of 4th and Schuyler) They will be serving Chili, Potato Soup, Hotdogs, Dessert, and Drink.

December 11th at 4 PM at Mama's Place (1007 North 7th Street) Soup benefitting the Oquawka Youth Baseball teams. They will be serving Chili with Toppings,, Dinner Roll and Drink.

December 24th Christmas Eve Services :

Gladstone United Methodist Church at 4:30 PM

Biggsville United Methodist Church will be held at the Presbyterian Church at 6 PM

Oquawka United Methodist Church at 7 PM

Strom Center's Oquawka Senior Center **BINGO DATES IN OQUAWKA**

Wednesday, December 15, 1-3 PM

& Wednesday, December 29, 1-3 PM

Each person is allowed up to 4 cards FREE and 25cents for each additional card.

Refreshments are served during the afternoon.



BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE INVITATION TO THE STROM CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER 21ST! (PAGE 1). STROM CENTER IN OQUAWKA WILL BE CLOSED SO SENIORS MAY ATTEND THE STROM CHRISTMAS PARTY IN MONMOUTH.



DECEMBER 2021 EVENTS



| SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THUR | FRI | SAT | |
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| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | |
|  |  Thrift Shop Open: Mon – Fri: 8:00 AM. – 4:00 PM Saturday: 8:00 – 2:30 PM | |  | 8:30AM – 4 PM: Open. Stephanie in Oquawka 9:30 AM: Exercise class | 8:30AM – 4 PM: Open. Erica in Oquawka | 8:30AM – 4 PM: Strom open. 9:30 AM: Exercise Class | |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | |
| | 8:30AM– 4 PM: Open. Lynda in Oquawka 9:30 AM: Exercise Class | 8:30 AM– 4 PM: Open. Kathy in Oquawka 9:00 AM: Wood Carvers 9:00 AM: Crafters | 8:30AM – 4 PM: Open. Stephanie in Oquawka 9:30 AM: Exercise class | 10:30 AM – 1 PM Power for Seniors Erica in Oquawka | 8:30AM – 4 PM: Strom open. 9:30 AM: Exercise Class | | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | |
| | 8:30AM– 4 PM: Open. Lynda in Oquawka 9:30 AM: Exercise Class | 8:30 AM– 4 PM: Open. Kathy in Oquawka 9 AM: Wood Carvers 9 AM: Crafters 1:00 PM: Bingo at Strom | 8:30AM – 4 PM: Open: Stephanie in Oquawka 9:30 AM: Exercise Class 1PM: Bingo in Oquawka | 8:30 AM– 4 PM: Open. Erica in Oquawka | 8:30AM– 4 PM: Strom open. 9:30 AM: Exercise Class | | |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | |
| | 8:30AM– 4 PM: Open. Lynda in Oquawka 9:30 AM: Exercise Class Mind Explorer Due! | 8:30AM – 4 PM: Open. Oquawka Closed Today 1:00 -3:30 Christmas Party  | 8:30AM – 4 PM: Open. Stephanie in Oquawka 9:30 AM: Exercise Class | 8:30AM – 1:00 PM Erica in Oquawka Closing at 1:00 PM |  Strom Closed | | |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | | |
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| | | | | |  Happy 2022 | | |

MIND EXPLORER



'Mind Explorers' is a monthly feature of STROM CENTER NEWS.

Answer the questions and turn them in or mail them in by the 20th of the month.

The person with the highest number of correct answers will be recognized in our next Monthly Newsletter! (The winners will be drawn). This month's quiz is "All About Christmas" with a difficult-o-meter rating of 8.0...!!

1. In the "Twelve Days of Christmas", on the fifth day of Christmas, my true love sent to me:

2. What were the 3 gifts brought by the Wise Men? _____, _____, _____

3. According to Popular Mechanics, in the year 1950, the most popular board game was: A) Sorry, B) Operation, or C) Candy Land: _____

4. According to Guinness Book of World Records, what Christmas song has sold the most singles? _____

5. Originally written in Latin as Adeste Fideles, we know this favorite Christmas song as:

6. Which 3 of Santa's reindeer names start with the letter "D"? _____,

_____, _____

7. Who first sang, "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus"? _____

8. Who was the famous author of the beloved "A Christmas Carol" story? _____

9. Linda, Lulu and Loretta made cookies for the Christmas party. Lula made 57 chocolate chip cookies, Loretta made 1/3 as many cookies as Lula, and Linda made twice as many as Loretta. How many cookies did the 3 women make altogether? _____

10. Unscramble these letters to find something seen at Christmas time: **EANYCENTVISIT** (2 words): _____

Answers to the Previous Mind Explorer (Winner is named on Recognition Page!)

1. What is always held on the 1st Tuesday after the 1st Monday in November? **ELECTION DAY**

2. What state produces the most turkeys? A) Nebraska, B) Minnesota, C) California: **MINNESOTA**

3. The 1st day of the Christmas shopping season which is the day after Thanksgiving is called **BLACK FRIDAY**

4. What is the capital city of the country of Turkey? **ISTANBUL**

5. What ends each first Sunday of November? **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS**

6. President Lincoln gave this famous speech in November 1863. What was the name of the speech?

GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

7. What is the birthstone for November?? **TOPAZ (OR CITRINE)**

8. What famous board game was introduced in November 1935 by Parker Brothers? **MONOPOLY**

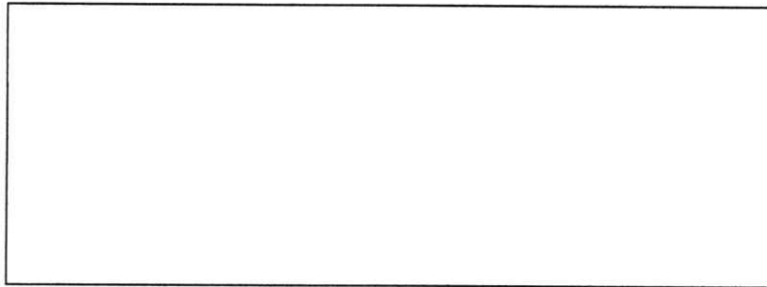
9. Veterans Day was first called **ARMISTICE DAY**

10. Unscramble these letters to find a Thanksgiving staple: SKYBEADMA: **BAKED YAMS**

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Carol Neal McCrery, Director

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